

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **RESKE WORKS TO STOP INSURANCE FRAUD**

INDIANAPOLIS -- House Bill 1403, legislation coauthored by State Rep. Scott Reske (D-Pendleton) dealing with insurance fraud, passed out of the House today by a vote of 95 - 1.

The bill specifies that insurance fraud is punishable as a Class D felony. Insurance fraud becomes a Class C felony if a person is a repeat offender, if the value of property, services, or other benefits obtained is at least \$2,500, or if the economic loss suffered by another person as a result of the offense is at least \$2,500.

A Class D felony is punishable by imprisonment for 6 months to 3 years. A Class C felony is punishable by 2 to 8 years incarceration. The maximum fine for either offense is \$10,000.

Each year for the past four years, approximately 35 people have been incarcerated for committing fraud.

"We all suffer from insurance fraud by having to pay higher premiums," said Reske. "At a time when insurance premiums are sky-rocketing, we need to do what we can to keep costs down. Deterring people from committing insurance fraud is one such way we can accomplish this."

House Bill 1403 now moves on to the Senate for further consideration.